

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 - 8 and 10 remain in this application. Claims 1 - 6 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claim 7 has been amended.

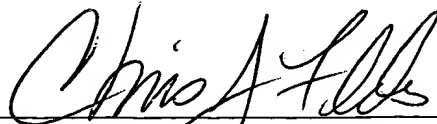
The amendment to claim 7 rephrases that a method of manufacturing a composite blade is characterized in that "a unified blank is formed from composite material in which two mirror image blade components and opposite, spaced profilings forming the retention members for two or more blades are manufactured simultaneously, and from which unified blank the said two or more blade components with their retention members are detachable along a line spaced from and extending parallel to said opposite, spaced profilings." Claim 7 was also amended to eliminate "special" from "to retain the blade in the throat of a special blade holder" in the preamble of the claim. The blade holder need not be special. The blade of the present invention may be retained by a variety of blade holders. The specification on page 4, lines 22 - 23, states that "the shape of the profiling can be varied, depending on the blade holder and its throat." Thus, there are many possible types of blade holders and corresponding throats.

Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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